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SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN OF
COMITE OF 24 TO CHAIRMAN OF FOURTH COMITE, TRANSMITTING
TEXT OF OCTOBER 3 COMMUNIQUE ISSUED JOINTLY BY
REIRESENTATIVES OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE LIBERATION
MOVEMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL: (BOTH HAVE BEEN
CIRCULATED AS UN DOCUMENTS)

QTE DOC A/C.4/778, DATED OCTOBER 21, 1974.

IN CONNEXION WITH THE FOURTH COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION OF
AGENDA ITEM 66, I SHOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT THE ATTACHED
TEXT OF A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED ON 3 OCTOBER 1974 BY
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MOVIMENTO DE LIBERTACAO DE SAO TOME E
PRINCIPLE (MLSTP) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL BE CIRCULATED
AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE.

(SIGNED) SALIM AHMED SALIM

CHAIRMAN
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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION

WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF
INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES
AND PEOPLES.

ANNEX

FROM 28 SEPTEMBER TO 3 OCTOBER 1974, A PORTUGUESE
GOVERNMENT DELEGATION LED BY MR. VICTOR MANUEL PEREIRA DE
CASTRO WAS IN LIBREVILLE, CAPITAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF GABON,
WHERE IT HAD TALKS WITH A DELEGATION OF THE MOVIMENTO DE
LIBERTACAO DE SAO TOME E PRINCIPE (MLSTP), LED BY ITS GENERAL
SECRETARY, MR. MANUEL DA COSTA.

THE TWO DELEGATIONS LOOKED INTO THE PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE
ACTUAL POLITICAL SITUATION IN SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE AND
THE FUTURE OF THE PEOPLE OF THOSE ISLANDS.

BOTH DELEGATIONS RECOGNIZE THE NECESSITY OF PROMOTING THE
IMMEDIATE DECOLONIZATION OF THAT TERRITORY AS THE ONLY WAY
OF SOLVING THE COLONIAL CONFLICT BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF SAO
TOME AND PRINCIPE AND THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT.

MLSTP IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE ACCELERATION OF THE
PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION IMPLIES THE PRIOR FULFILMENT OF
THE FOLLOWING DEMANDS:

1. THE OFFICIAL AND IMMEDIATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MLSTP
AS THE SOLE AND LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE AND, CONSEQUENTLY, THE SOLE AND VALID
INTERLOCUTOR TO DISCUSS THE CALENDAR OF DECOLONIZATION.

2. A DECLARATION OF THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT EXPRESSING
ITS DECISION TO OPEN IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH MLSTP.
THE CHOOSING OF THE DATE AND LOCALE FOR THE BEGINNING OF
CONVERSATIONS WILL BE MADE BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO PARTS.

BOTH PARTS AGREED THAT THE ACTUAL POLITICAL SITUATION IN
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE IS CLEAR AND, THEREFORE, A REFERENDUM
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WILL BE UNNECESSARY AND COULD ONLY JEOPARDIZE THE FUTURE
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLE OF
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE.

BOTH PARTS ARE DETERMINED TO PURSUE THEIR EFFORTS TOWARDS THE
IMMEDIATE
DECOLONIZATION OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE AS THE ONLY MEANS
OF SAFEGUARDING THE GUARANTEEING THE FUTURE RELATIONS WHICH

THE TWO PEOPLES ARE INTERESTED IN
DEVELOPING.

LIBREVILLE, ON 3 OCTOBER 1974

ON BEHALF OF THE PORTUGUESE DELEGATION

(SIGNED) VICTOR MANUEL PEREIRA DE CASTRO

ON BEHALF OF THE MLSTP DELEGATION

(SIGNED) MANUEL COSTA. UNQTE
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